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FYI –

Dear Jane –

While I realize you are about to go on travel, I just saw this news article and thought you might want to be aware of this potential emerging WTO-TBT issue given you may see Astrid or other EU folks in Japan.

Best wishes,
Katherine

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FYI Per Bloomberg News. I imagine Christine Browne at USTR may be reaching out in the near future to the inter-agency on this.

EU Notifies Trade Partners of Chlorpyrifos Prohibition

By Stephen Gardner
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- European Union submits to WTO draft rule prohibiting insecticide chlorpyrifos
- Substance will no longer be authorized in EU after Jan. 31, 2020

Countries part of the World Trade Organization have until Dec. 2 to comment on a draft European Union rule that would prohibit the widely-used insecticide chlorpyrifos in the bloc after Jan. 31, 2020.

Chlorpyrifos is used on fruit, corn, and other crops, and pesticide formulations containing it are currently allowed in most of the 28 EU countries. But a recent European Food Safety Authority assessment found it to be a potential cause of neurological damage in children, with no safe exposure level.

Consequently, the EU-level authorization for the substance should be withdrawn, and products containing chlorpyrifos should be removed from the market a maximum of three months after the Jan. 31 cutoff date, the draft EU rule said.

The rule will disappoint Corteva Agriscience, Adama Agriculture BV, and Sapeac Agro SA, which all applied for renewal of the EU authorization of chlorpyrifos. The substance is the active ingredient in Corteva's Lorsban brand, for example.

The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, submitted the draft rule to the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade Oct. 3. The rule will be finalized by the end of the year, according to the notification.

The notification also said the EU plans to lower the allowable traces of chlorpyrifos in food.

The commission didn't give a specific date for further action but said tighter residue limits would apply from the summer 2020, after which "foodstuffs with higher levels of chlorpyrifos will become non-compliant and can no longer be placed on the EU market."

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